Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Naomi A. Elam, a resident of Macon Health Care Center in Macon, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on October 8, 2008; and

Whereas, on October 8, 1908, in Goldsberry, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Naomi, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Naomi Elam will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as growing up in the company of one sister, attending Barns School in Goldsberry, being married to Oscar Elam (deceased) for seventy-seven years, and giving birth to their offspring; and

Whereas, Naomi Elam has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children and three grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Naomi Elam further distinguished herself by being an employee of Bill and Bob's IGA in Marceline; and

Whereas, Naomi Elam has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include working with her mother and sister, and being in the outdoors; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Naomi Elam is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Naomi Elam at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Naomi A. Elam, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by	
	Representative Tom Shively District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4298, adopted October 3, 2008.